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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 9 September 2009.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,3-7, 9-17,19-25,27-31,33-41,43-51,53-55,57-59, 61-63 and 65-66.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date ____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date ____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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/John Follansbee/
Supervisory Patent Examiner, Art Unit 2451

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Original claims 1, 3-17, 19-25, 27-31, 33-41, 43-51, 53-55, 57-59, 61-63 and 65-66 are respectively renumbered 1-57. Claims 2, 18, 26, 32, 42, 52, 56, 60 and 64 are cancelled.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The Office has deemed Applicant's latest set of amendments and corresponding remarks persuasive to overcome the rejection in view of the applied prior art references with respect to the following amended claim features:

A method comprising:

determining an occurrence of a condition indicating at least one transfer of an email message by an email application, wherein determining the occurrence of the condition is external to the email application;

identifying event data associated with the email message;

compiling an email event from at least some of the event data;

determining based at least in part on the event data that the email event is related to a first conversation comprising a first thread of related email messages;

analyzing a time gap between the email event and the email messages in the first conversation;

responsive to the time gap being less than a certain amount of time:

associating the email event with the first conversation; and
storing the email event, the association with the first conversation, and the email message; and
responsive to the time gap exceeding the certain amount of time:
associating the email event with a new conversation; and
storing the email event, the association with the new conversation, and the email message.

Specifically, Applicant's argument that none of the cited art teaches or suggests the features of "analyzing a time gap between the email event and the email messages in the first conversation; responsive to the time gap being less than a certain amount of time: associating the email event with the first conversation; and storing the email event, the association with the first conversation, and the email message; and responsive to the time gap exceeding the certain amount of time: associating the email event with a new conversation; and storing the email event, the association with the new conversation, and the email message", as recited by amended independent claim 1, is found to be persuasive. Applicant's remarks are thus considered persuasive with respect to the latest claim amendments, and the claims are thus considered allowable over the current rejection.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue

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fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Glenford Madamba whose telephone number is 571-272- 7989. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 7:00AM-4: 30PM, first Fridays OFF.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Follansbee can be reached on 571-272-3932. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only.

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